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COMPLAINANTS,)

STAFF'S RESPONSE TO QWEST

VS.)

CORPORATION'S MOTION TO

STAY FURTHER PROCEEDINGS.

QWEST CORPORATION,)

RESPONDENT.)

Staff of the Utilities Division ("Staff") of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") does not object to Midvale Telephone Exchange, Inc. ("Midvale") motion to stay further proceedings in the above-captioned docket until final resolution of Docket No. T-02532A-03-0017.

However, Staff does object to Qwest Corporation's ("Qwest") suggestion that Qwest will transition two addresses in Section 11 (10150 N. Poquito Valley Road & 10195 N. Poquito Valley Road) to Midvale. Qwest is currently providing service to the above addresses and should continue to do so. These customers are not a party to this complaint. These same customers should not be forced to switch to a new provider even if Qwest inadvertently chose to provide them with service.

Finally, Staff requests that a procedural conference be scheduled in order to discuss the ramifications of this motion with all parties. The Complainants in this matter are not represented by an attorney. In addition, Staff is representing its own interests in this matter, which may or may not be in accord with the remedy that the Complainants are seeking. Staff believes a procedural conference would provide an opportunity for the Administrative Law Judge to answer any questions the Complainants have about the motion and to explain the factors that the Commission will have to

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1 consider before Midvale's application to extend its service territory is granted. Further, the
2 procedural conference could also provide an opportunity for the Administrative Law Judge to clarify
3 for the Complainants the role that tariffs serve in the provision of service.

4 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 10th day of February, 2003.

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